" horſemen ſet to watch, to their ſeeming, did ſee
" lamps burn at the points of their ſtaves, or ſpears,
" in the midſt of theſe lightning flaſhes."

LXI. *Extract of a Letter of the Reverend Mr.* Joſeph Spence, *Profeſſor of Modern Hiſtory in the Univerſity of* Oxford, *to Dr.* Mead, *F. R. S.*

Byfleet near Weybridge, Surrey,
December 7, 1753.

Read Jan. 10, 1754. I Have lately received a letter from Signor Paderni at Portici; in which, ſpeaking of the publication of the antiquities found at Herculaneum, he ſays, *Spero che il primo tomo non tarderà molto tempo ad uſcire*; and then mentions ſome particular things, that had been lately diſcovered among the ruins; a little braſs buſt of ſome unknown philoſopher, of an excellent manner, and perfectly well preſerved: A ſtatue of an orator, in marble; and another braſs buſt, on a term, of a youth, with particularly beautiful hair, and the whole excellent. The artiſt has put his name to the latter, ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙΟΣ ΑΡΧΙΟΥ ΑΘΗΝΑΙΟΣ ΕΠΟΙΗΣΕ. He ſays, that the workmen were then juſt entering on ſome nobleman's houſe, as appeared by the rich moſaic pavements, *&c.* and that they were in hopes it would prove a very good new mine.